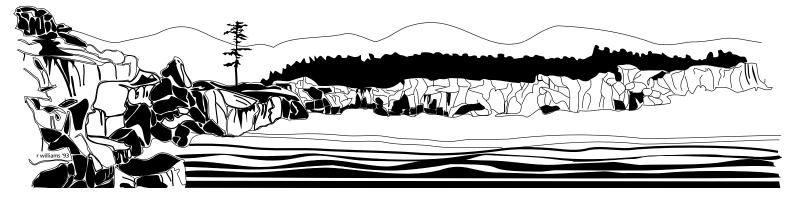# Welcome to Acadia National Park

Acadia National Park is located along the rugged, rocky coast of Maine. Most of the park is located on Mount Desert Island, which is accessible by vehicle. Begin your visit at Hulls Cove Visitor Center (open April 15 to October 31), where a free 15-minute audiovisual program is shown every half hour. Free literature and sales items provide details about park activities and the area's cultural and natural history. Pick up a copy of the *Beaver Log* newspaper, which features a schedule of ranger-led activities (late May to early October) including talks, walks, hikes, boat cruises, and evening programs; tide and sunrise/sunset charts; and other information that helps guide your park visit. Junior Ranger (up to age 17) and Senior Ranger (18 and older) programs are available during the summer.

During the winter some facilities are closed, including most of the Park Loop Road and the road to Cadillac Mountain. The visitor center is also closed, but you can obtain information daily at park headquarters, located on Route 233, three miles west of Bar Harbor. When there is adequate snow, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing are popular.

For more information about the park, visit the official website at www.nps.gov/acad. Here you will find additional trip planning tips and detailed information about the park's facilities, activities, and natural and cultural resources.

Entrance Fee

The majority of fees paid in Acadia stay right here. Fees are used to support the fare-free Island Explorer bus system and to fund projects that directly benefit park visitors and resources. The park entrance fee, valid per car for a seven-day pass, is:

$20   June 23 through early October
$10   May 1 to June 22 and early October to October 31

Fees may be paid at Hulls Cove Visitor Center, Sand Beach Entrance Station, Blackwoods and Seawall Campgrounds, Thompson Island Information Center, park headquarters, and the village green in Bar Harbor.

Other available fees and passes include:
Individual Fee (pedestrian, bicycle, motorcycle, etc.): $5 (seven-day pass)
Acadia Annual Pass: $40 (annual)
National Parks Pass: $50 (annual)
Golden Age Passport: $10 one-time fee for U.S. citizens 62 years or older (lifetime)
Golden Access Passport: Free to all U.S. citizens with permanent disabilities (lifetime)

Getting Here

By Land
The park is located approximately one hour southeast of Bangor, Maine, and six hours north of Boston. Concord Trailways (800-639-3317) and Vermont Transit (800-552-8737) offer bus service between Boston and Bangor. Vermont Transit buses travel between Bangor and Bar Harbor in the summer.

By Air
Direct flights from Boston land at the Hancock County-Bar Harbor Airport, located 10 miles from the park. From June 23 to early October, Island Explorer shuttle buses link this airport with Mount Desert Island. Several airlines serve Bangor International Airport, about 45 miles from the park. Car rentals are available at both airports.

By Sea
Local businesses operate ferries and scenic cruises. For information about the ferry that operates between Bar Harbor and Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, call 888-249-7245.

Getting Around
From June 23 to early October, fare-free Island Explorer shuttle buses serve Mount Desert Island and Acadia National Park, connecting hiking trails, carriage roads, and beaches with island communities. For more information, visit www.exploreacadia.com. Among the many benefits, shuttle buses eliminate the stressful search for parking spaces and contribute to cleaner air by burning propane fuel. Bus passengers entering the park are required to obtain a park pass for their family or group.

Local businesses operate bus tours through the park. Taxi service is available in nearby towns.

Camping

There are two park campgrounds—Seawall and Blackwoods—on Mount Desert Island. Overnight backpacking is prohibited because the park is small and fragile.

Campsites in both Seawall and Blackwoods Campgrounds are wooded and within a 10-minute walk of the ocean. The majority of sites are for tents, small and large, but other sites accommodate pop-ups, vehicle campers, and RVs up to 35'. Maximum one vehicle and six people allowed at each site.

Campground facilities include comfort stations, cold running water, dump station, picnic tables, fire rings, and water faucets. **There are no hook-ups.** Showers (fee) and camping supply stores are located within 1/2 mile of both campgrounds.

Camping rates and reservation procedures established in 2006 are subject to change. Camping fees and entrance fees are separate charges; entrance fees must be paid prior to camping.

Campers must follow park regulations, including:
• Pets must be leashed and attended at all times.
• Camp in established campgrounds only.
• All food, trash, cooking utensils, and other items that may attract wildlife must be stored properly.

Seawall Campground
Located on Route 102A, four miles south of Southwest Harbor. Open from late May through September. First-come, first-served; no reservations accepted. In late July and August there is a great demand for campsites; lines form early each morning. Walk-in sites are available. Fee: $14 to $20 per site per night.

Blackwoods Campground
Located on Route 3, five miles south of Bar Harbor. Blackwoods Campground is open all year. However, from December 1 through March 31 the campground is open for primitive camping only. During this time campers must first obtain a camping permit from the dispatch office at park headquarters (open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily). The campground entrance road is closed to automobiles during this time; campers are required to hike in from the campground entrance.

Reservations are suggested from May 1 to October 31 and must be made through the National Park Reservation Service (NPRS). Specific sites or adjoining sites cannot be reserved. Fee: $20 per site per night.

Contact NPRS for Blackwoods Reservations
Visa, MasterCard, and Discover accepted
Voice: 800-365-2267 (U.S./Canada)
301-722-1257 (International)
TTY: 888-530-9796
Phone Hours: 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. EST
Internet: http://reservations.nps.gov
Mail: NPRS
P.O. Box 1600
Cumberland MD 21501

If you want to camp from:	Call starting:
May 1 – June 4	January 5
June 5 – July 4	February 5
July 5 – August 4	March 5
August 5 – September 4	April 5
September 5 – October 4	May 5
October 5 – October 31	June 5

Mail-in reservation requests will be accepted no earlier than two weeks before the call dates and will be processed randomly on those dates. No reservations can be made before the call dates.

Other Accommodations

The park has no overnight accommodations except campgrounds, but nearby communities offer many lodging options. For information, please contact:

Bar Harbor Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 158, Bar Harbor ME 04609
800-288-5103
www.barharbormaine.com
www.acadiainfo.com

Mount Desert Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 675, Northeast Harbor ME 04662
207-276-5040
www.mountdesertchamber.org

Southwest Harbor/Tremont Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 1143, Southwest Harbor ME 04679
207-244-9264 or 800-423-9264
www.acadiachamber.com

Schoodic Peninsula Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 381, Winter Harbor ME 04693
207-963-7658
www.acadia-schoodic.org

Deer Isle/Stonington Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 490, Deer Isle ME 04627
207-348-6124
www.deerisle.com

Weather Conditions

Arrive prepared for a wide variety of weather conditions; layered clothing is always a good idea. Summer temperatures vary from 45°F to 85°F; spring and fall temperatures range from 30°F to 70°F. Winter is cold and can be snowy or icy. You may encounter rain and fog at any time, but we assure you that the sun does shine! Blackflies are most common from mid-May through mid-June, and mosquitoes are present during the summer months.

For More Information

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